



BC Wildfire Community Member Impact Survey for the Central Coast February 2018

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) is surveying community members to determine impacts from the 2017 BC Wildfires. This information will help inform the Wildfire Recovery Plan to strengthen our communities' preparedness and build our resiliency for future natural disasters. The questions asked will help the CCRD to better understand how businesses, jobs, fishing, hunting, gathering, ceremony, schooling and/or training, wellness and medical, family commitments, and community events were impacted.

This voluntary survey should take 15-20 minutes to complete. Your responses will be confidential and will not contain information that will personally identify you. If you do not feel comfortable with any of the questions you may skip a question/(s) or stop at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, or for more information on the CCRD Wildfire Recovery Program, please contact Jessie MacDonald at recovery@ccrd-bc.ca or 250.267.8621

Demographics

1. Which community did you live in during the wildfires?

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Bella Coola | <input type="radio"/> Denny Island |
| <input type="radio"/> Four Mile | <input type="radio"/> Bella Bella |
| <input type="radio"/> Hagensborg | <input type="radio"/> Oweekeno/Wuikinuxv |
| <input type="radio"/> Firvale | <input type="radio"/> Ocean Falls |
| <input type="radio"/> Stuie | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

2. How old are you?

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> 18-29 | <input type="radio"/> 50-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-49 | <input type="radio"/> 65+ |

3. What is your primary occupation or source of income? (Check all that apply)

- Employed:
 - Full time
 - Part time
 - Seasonal/Occasional
- Self-employed/Business owner
- Non-wage earning occupation (fishing, hunting, gathering, home maker, or other)
- Unemployed
- Income assistance
- Student
- Other _____

4. Do you self-identify as Indigenous?

- Yes
- No

5. **Bella Coola Valley Only** - Were you directly or indirectly involved in the 2017 wildfire response efforts?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Comment _____

Communications

6. What ways did you receive information about the wildfires and related emergency response during the wildfires? (Check all that apply)

- CCRD and Nuxalk Nation social media (Bella Coola Valley - Nuxalk Nation Coordinated Information Bulletin - Facebook)
- CCRD website
- CCRD emails
- CCRD and Nuxalk Nation Emergency Operations Centre (Office)
- CCRD board members
- BC Wildfire Service website
- Local radio station
- Regional radio station
- Newspaper
- Television
- Provided at highway checkpoint
- Friend or Family
- Other _____

7. Did you find information on wildfires from all government sources: (Check all that apply)

- Consistent
- In not enough places
- True
- Easy to find
- Up to date
- Inconsistent
- In too many places
- False
- Hard to find
- Outdated

8. What do you have for communication at home? (Check all that apply)

- Satellite Television
- Antenna Television
- Newspaper
- AM/FM Radio with reception to at least one station
- Internet – local CCCS or Waglisla
- Internet – satellite
- Mobile phone with data
- Mobile phone with no data
- Landline telephone
- Ham Radio (Amateur radio)
- None of these
- Other _____

9. How impacted would your household be if there was a disruption to cell, internet, and data services in the Central Coast? (ie. Telus infrastructure impacted by wildfire at Riske Creek)

	Not Impacted	Not Very Impacted	Somewhat Impacted	Impacted	Very Impacted
Cell?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internet and data services?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home phone?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Personal Impacts

The 2017 BC Wildfires affected many people within the CCRD in a variety of ways. The following questions describe some common impacts and you are invited to share your impacts beyond this list.

10. Did you travel on Highway 20 during the wildfire season?

- Yes No

11. How would you describe access to information for traveling on Highway 20?

- Very Poor
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good

12. If you were away from your community, were you **unable** to travel to your home due to wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

If yes...

A.1 How many additional days were you away? _____

A.2 Did you incur extra expenses? Yes No

A.3 Approximately how much? \$ _____

A.4 Were you unable to get to work? Yes No

A.5 At the time, were you able to receive supports from Red Cross, your home insurance or other organization? Yes No

A. 5 B. If no, why not? _____

13. Were you **unable** to travel for medical or dental due to the wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

If yes...

A. Where you able to rebook? Yes No

B. When were you able to rebook?

- Within 1 month Within 4 – 6 months
- Within 2 – 3 months 6 months or more

Comment _____

14. Were you **unable** to travel out of your home community for leisure or other household needs due to wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

Comment _____

15. As a result of the wildfires, has your employment, business status (if you own one), and /or livelihood changed? (Check all that apply)

- I lost my job and am unemployed My employment status has not been affected
 I was unemployed but I found a job I am not in the job market (retired, disability, etc.)
 Temporarily laid-off Other: _____
 My business income has decreased
 My business income has increased

16. **Bella Coola Valley Residents Only** - Were you impacted by the interruption to Canada Post and other delivery services?

- Yes No N/A

If yes were you...

- A. Unable to get supplies/deliveries Yes No
B. Unable to get medical supplies/services Yes No
C. Unable to receive mail including cheques and important documents Yes No
D. Other/comment _____

17. Was your access to traditional or wild foods impacted by the wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

If yes were you...

- A. Unable to hunt? Yes No
B. Unable to fish? Yes No
C. Unable to trap? Yes No
D. Unable to gather/harvest? Yes No
E. Unable to traditionally/usually prepare foods? Yes No
F. Do you have increased food expenses as a result of the wildfires? Yes No

Comment _____

18. If you are an artist, was your ability to produce your art for sale or for ceremonial purposes impacted by the wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

If yes, how so? _____

19. If you are an Agricultural producer, were your agricultural operations impacted by the wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

If yes, how so? _____

20. Were you unable to host a family gathering or ceremony (ie. wedding, funeral, memorial, potlatch) due to the wildfire?

- Yes No N/A

If Yes...

A. Did you incur unrecoverable expenses? Yes No

Comment _____

21. Were you unable to access firewood for the winter season due to the wildfires?

- Yes No N/A

If yes, how so? _____

22. Did the wildfire affect your schooling/training opportunities?

- Yes No N/A

If yes, how so? _____

23. Did the wildfires affect your children?

- Yes No N/A

If yes, how so? _____

24. Did you support family and friends from neighbouring communities, while they were under evaluation alert or order?

- Yes No N/A

If Yes...

A. For how many days? _____

B. Did you incur expenses that you were not able to recover? Yes No

Comment _____

25. If your impacts were not captured in the above questions. Please explain:

Health and Wellbeing

26. How have the wildfires affected your sense of safety and security in your home community?

- I feel less safe
 I feel about the same
 I feel safer
 Other _____

27. How would you rate your health prior to the wildfires?

- Very Poor
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good

28. How would you rate your health due to impacts from the wildfires?

- Significantly Worse
- Worse
- About the same
- Better
- Significantly Better

29. If you have children under the age of 18, how has their health changed due to the wildfires?

- Significantly Worse
- Worse
- About the same
- Better
- Significantly Better
- I don't have children under 18
- Not applicable

30. Did the wildfires increase you levels of stress? Yes No

31. How would you rate your levels of stress and anxiety prior to the wildfires?

- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very High

32. How would you rate your levels of stress and anxiety during the wildfires including the first few weeks after?

- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very High

33. How would you rate your level of stress and anxiety today?

- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very High

Recovery

34. Since the wildfire, have you received support from any of the following organizations for impacts you experienced as a result of the wildfire (check all that apply)?

- Red Cross (**Bella Coola Valley Only** - Support for individuals/families, small business, First Nations cultural livelihoods, Agri-Recovery)
- Government of British Columbia
- Mental health counsellor or service
- Religious organization
- Indigenous organization
- Medical Doctor
- None
- Other _____

35. Do you currently have needs (financial, social, emotional) as a result of the wildfires that have not been met?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, what are they? _____

36. **Bella Coola Valley Only** - Rebuilding a strong sense of community is important for recovery, and funding sources are available through the Canadian Red Cross Community Partnership Program. What kind of community event(s) would you be interested in participating in? (Check all that apply)

- Information sessions (ie. Community emergency preparedness, FireSmart, Computer skills, employment skills, etc.)
- Community Feast (ie. To celebrate those that supported the wildfire response)
- Community leisure, sport, and recreational activities/events (ie. all ages basketball, baseball, soccer, etc. tournaments)
- Community celebration with local entertainment
- Increased opportunities to gather and celebrate spirit, pride, resilience, arts and culture
- Other _____

37. As a community member, do you have any concerns about the state of the local economy and its ability to recover from the impacts of the wildfires?

- Yes
- No

Please explain _____

38. As a community member, do you have any concerns about the environmental recovery of the land that was impacted by the wildfires?

- Yes
- No

Please explain _____

Resiliency

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
39. I am familiar with my community's emergency response plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40. My community has adequate exit routes in the case of an evacuation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
41. I feel prepared for a future natural disaster	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
42. My community is prepared for a future natural disaster	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
43. I feel there are enough supports for people in the community who experience mental health and wellness difficulties related to emergency situations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In recognition of your time and participation, we offer you the chance to enter a draw to win personal emergency preparedness items from Ace Tru Hardware or Holistic Emergency Preparedness and Response, or \$50 Love Bucks for Love Central Coast businesses.

A list of available resources and supports are available online at <http://www.ccrd-bc.ca/wildfire-recovery.php>